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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4279

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 3135

FOR NEA/ARN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (SIKES, ROBER L.F.)

SUBJ: CODEL SIKES

REF: A. STATE 190335; B. DAMASCUS 3086; C. STATE 192698;
D. STATE 192946 (NOTAL); E. STATE 193111; F. DAMASCUS 3089

1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS CODEL SIKES FOLLOW SCHEDULE OUTLINED
REF D, DEPARTING BEIRUT BY CAR APPROXIMATELY 0900, WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 27, ARRIVING DAMASCUS BY 1200; OVERNIGHT AUG 27 DEPART
DAMASCUS BY CAR FOR BEIRUT 0930 AUG 28.

2. AS NOTED REF F, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR PRESIDENCY
TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT ASAD AUG 26 OWING TO
CONCURRENT VISIT BY YEMENI PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI. MOREOVER, ASAD
DOES NOT RECEIVE FOREIGN VISITORS PRIOR TO NOON. THEREFORE,
WE SEE NO NEED FOR CODEL TO ADVANCE ARRIVAL DAMASCUS TO LATE
EVENING AUG 26 (PARA 4, REF D), THUS REF B AND BEIRUT 10303
HAVE BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS (REF F).

3. PRESIDENCY'S INTEREST IN DELAYING CODEL OBEY AND SIKES
IN DAMASCUS UNTIL AUG 27 (WHICH CODEL OBEY UNABLE TO DO INDI-
CATES INTEREST IN PRESIDENCY IN RECEIVING CODEL SIKES ON
AUGUST 27. BASED ON NUMEROUS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES, HOWEVER,
WE MUST CAUTION THAT CODEL SIKES PRESENTLY HAS NO GUARANTEE
OF SEEING ASAD. WE ARE REQUESTING APPOINTMENT WITH ASAD
FOR CODEL SIKES IN TIME FRAME NOON AUG 27 TO 0930 AUG 28, BUT
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WILL NOT HAVE DEFINITE RESPONSE UNTIL AFTER NOON, AUGUST 27.

4. OF ALL MESSAGES WE HAVE RE CODEL SIKES, REFTELS, ONLY
REF D MAKES REFERENCE TO CODEL "AND PARTY". WE NEED
IMMEDIATELY FULL DESCRIPTION OF PARTY, IF ANY, THAT WILL
ACCOMPANY REP SIKES FROM BEIRUT TO DAMASCUS FOR OVERNIGHT
HERE AUG 27. WE RESERVING THREE SINGLES ON CONTINGENCY BASIS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ANY SPECIAL INTEREST OF CODEL BEYOND
MEETING WITH ASAD.

6. CONTROL OFFICER IS FSO RODERICK M. WRIGHT, ECONOMIC/
COMMERCIAL OFFICER.
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